



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, early detection is your best protection against breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's "Every Woman Matters" law has enabled 99 women to be screened, diagnosed and treated for breast or cervical cancer since July 2001; and

WHEREAS, 8 out of 10 tumors of the breast are benign; and

WHEREAS, more than 200,000 women in the United States (900 in Idaho) will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2003; and

WHEREAS, when breast cancer is diagnosed early and confined to the breast, the five year survival rate is over 95%; and

WHEREAS, research for breast cancer will enable us to find the cure for other types of cancer as well; and

WHEREAS, we are committed to finding a cure for breast cancer for the sake of our children and children's children;

WHEREAS, working together we can raise awareness of the importance of monthly self-exams, annual medical visits and regularly scheduled mammograms to help with early detection; and

WHEREAS, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, the Idaho Breast and Cervical Cancer Alliance and other local organizations and individual champions are to be commended for their efforts in Idaho to find a cure for breast cancer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 2003, to be

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho, and urge all citizens to observe this month.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this seventh day of October in the year of our Lord two-thousand and three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fourteenth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dirk Kempthorne".

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Yursa".

BEN YURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE